

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Stephan NEES et al.

Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING THE ENDOTHELIUM IN ISOLATED HOLLOW ORGANS AND BIOLOGICAL VESSELS**

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Non-Final Office Action mailed **September 30, 2009** be extended for one month, from **December 30, 2009**, to on or before **February 1, 2010** (January 30th being a Saturday). Applicants respectfully submit that the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for a large entity is \$130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee to the undersigned's Credit Account. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any other fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application and to credit any overpayments to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

Respectfully submitted,

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